

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2014 - 7:30 P.M.**

A regular Village Board meeting was held on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

ALSO PRESENT: Virginia Menschner, Village Clerk
Terry Rice, Village Attorney

ABSENT: None

SET DATES FOR DECEMBER MEETINGS:

The Mayor said the first item on the agenda is to set the dates for the December meeting. The organization meeting will be Monday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will be Monday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Mayor said they are not here. Therefore it is 7:30 and we will have the continuation of the public hearing for Limitless Taxi for a taxicab license.

7:30 P.M. - CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING - LIMITLESS TAXI FOR A TAXICAB LICENSE:

The Mayor asked anyone who wishes to speak to come up and state your name and your address.

Deborah Tapp of Oakdale Manor asked if we are doing anything with taxis tonight? The Mayor said this is a hearing on the applicant's proposal - so if you would like to speak on that. Ms. Tapp said for another taxi? The Mayor said sorry? Ms. Tapp said for another taxi? The Mayor said no, no, no. They are not a taxi. She asked Attorney Rice to explain it.

Attorney Rice said essentially the application is for a taxi license but basically to operate a dispatching operation where according to the application people would call this particular enterprise and they would contact other taxi concerns in order to arrange for a taxi pickup.

Ms. Tapp said she wanted to clarify that before she started, that's why. She said we don't need one. She said we are a total of - right

now we are three running taxis in Suffern. There is Jean from Brother's. There is herself, Deborah Taxi, and there is Pepe Taxi. Nobody else is legally running. Anyone else doesn't belong here. Nobody else is licensed by the Village. There are other people running and taking their work but there is nobody else. There are the three of them. She said we don't need to call somebody else to get our work, what little there is to get. She said we can have all of Spring Valley taxis removed. We could have all the silver vehicles that are running around acting like taxis that are not licensed by the Village. That would help. But having somebody else tell us where to go - nobody knows where she is driving when she is driving. When she answers her phone she knows where she is. She dispatches herself. Jean dispatches himself. Pepe dispatches himself. We don't need anybody to tell us how to run our business. And really where is the need for anything - for any other taxis in the Village. She said we are not making a living.

The Mayor asked Ms. Tapp that while she had her up here one of the stipulations of the applicant was that she was going to have agreements with each one of the taxis in Suffern. You are telling me that you are not - Ms. Tapp said what do I need her for. The Mayor said just to put that on record, that's all. Ms. Tapp said she has been in business almost twenty years. What she needs are the ones that are not licensed by Suffern to be out of here. She doesn't need her. And she doesn't think anybody else does. Trustee Byrne asked if the applicant has reached out to her at all. Ms. Tapp said no. Trustee Byrne said okay. Thank you. Ms. Tapp said and by the way, and she is not sure if Pepe, but they are all here. All three of them. The Mayor thanked her.

The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak. Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive asked if the applicant has showed up since the first time. The Mayor said no. Mr. Giannettino said he guesses she is not interested in this - the Mayor said she is not here tonight, correct? The applicant is not here. Mr. Giannettino said she wasn't here last month either. The Mayor said no. Mr. Giannettino said he thinks it speaks for itself.

Jean Floreal the owner of Brother's Taxi said he has been running in the town for more than 22 years. And his problem is not more taxis. It is to get the illegal cabs out of Suffern. Because anytime somebody calls them and before they get downtown somebody takes the call. And sometimes they use our name. They say oh Brother's sent me. It wasn't me. We don't even know these people. It is a big problem and if you could help us with that that would be great. Thank you. The Mayor asked him how many cars he has presently. Mr. Floreal said two cars. The Mayor said okay, two. And the applicant did not reach out to you at all. Mr. Floreal said no. The Mayor said and you would not be interested in something like that, correct? Mr. Floreal said we don't have business for it.

Trustee Byrne said he doesn't know if it is appropriate now or maybe later when the Chief speaks. Can he address the issue of the taxi enforcement. Obviously that is a concern of all the existing taxis here. Chief Osborn said last month he thinks they charged ten taxis so they are definitely on it. It is a matter of getting people to get out there and to flag them down. He said he thinks it is ten in the last month that they had. So they are definitely on it. He has spoken to Debbie many times about it. Trustee Byrne asked if he knew off-hand if the ten that they charged were multiple violations - the Mayor said repeat offenders. The Chief said of the ten they had? He said he didn't know. He said he just knows that we charged ten. He didn't break it down in depth but he just knows it was ten. The Mayor said she believes there were repeat offenders. She was told by the officers. The Chief said okay. It is possible. He can easily find out by pulling the records up. He just knows it was ten and they are going to continue it. Trustee Byrne thanked him.

Deborah Tapp asked if they can get a letter sent out to the companies that are found in Suffern, in the Village. She said we have companies working - Getrex - and we have so many of them and then we have the individuals who live in the Village - the Mayor said so you want - the Mayor said you want a list of the ones that actually have licenses in the Village. Or you know that already. Ms. Tapp said she knows who is where. The Mayor said so what do you want - she is not getting - she is confused. What list do you want. Ms. Tapp said there are companies like Latina American, Getrex, Spirit - the Mayor said do you know what is a good idea. She said she thinks Debbie is on the right path. The Mayor said she thinks we can look at those summonses that the police gave and we can send letters out stating the local law here in Suffern with regards to picking up fares in the Village. The Chief said when we charged them they were given information when they were charged when they went to court. The Chief said that part - the Mayor said okay, maybe we could look at that list and see who is not on there then and go from there. Ms. Tapp said we also have four in the Village that are working the Village. We don't want them. The Mayor said okay. She thanks her.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said okay. With regards to the applicant. She said she knows that as some of our residents have stated not having the applicant here certainly doesn't give us the perspective of what they are trying to accomplish and in their application they state that they are going to be working with the taxis who are in the Village but also part of the application was to bring in others from outside the Village which is not according to what our local law is here in Suffern. So for her she just believes that we don't have a need or a calling for it. Our licensed cab companies are not

doing business with this woman. Therefore she doesn't believe that there is a need to bring a dispatcher in here for such a small amount of taxi cab owners and to take away from their livelihood she thinks is not fair at this point. They have been doing fine for many, many years without them and she would say at this time there is just not a need here in the Village.

Attorney Rice said that what he would suggest if the Board agrees is that he thinks he has a sense of what the Board would like to do and he would suggest that perhaps he can write up a draft decision to consider at the December or January meeting. The Mayor said for going forward. Attorney Rice said no, no. On this particular application rather than just have a motion since we have an application and there are a number of issues involved and what he would suggest is that he write up a draft decision for the Board to consider. The Mayor said okay. Attorney Rice said that way we have something that has findings and fact and so forth in case anybody - the applicant in particular - is not happy with it and wishes to challenge it. The Mayor said okay. Do any of the other Board members want to speak with regards.

Trustee Byrne said he would make a motion for Attorney Rice to prepare - Attorney Rice said he doesn't even need a motion. He said he thinks he will just prepare a draft resolution and circulate it to the Board. He said he doesn't know if they want to consider something like that at the December meeting or if you want to go over to January. Whatever your preference is. The Mayor said okay. So you want us to hold it over? Attorney Rice said you closed the public hearing and he will prepare a draft decision.

The Mayor said Terry will prepare a decision on it and we will have it either at the December or January meeting. Whatever the Board's preference. Chief Osborn said if the Board wants him to look into it - and he didn't want to jump out of turn with this - but one of the things that they may be able to do is to put a sticker or placard in the vehicles that are registered in the Village in the back so they at least they would know - he said he knows there are only a few - but sometimes it is confusing - the officer is not going to know. The Mayor said and we have new officers. She said we talked about this at the last Board meeting. The Chief said they did. He said if you don't mind he will look at the local law and see if we can put something in about getting a placard for each car that is owned - whoever is registered to the Village has a placard. Everybody else - it is just going to be a little easier for the officers to identify. Trustee Byrne said there are only three companies so it shouldn't be too hard to - the Chief said no, no. He knows what happens is that some of the officers don't even know. They are not familiar with any of them. It is very confusing with the amount of taxis that go through - the Mayor said except for Debbie's. The Chief said and if we start getting more he thinks it is the way to go. He is just being honest with them. The Mayor said

to the Chief that part of the local law is that they are supposed to have signage - lettering - on their vehicles. The Chief said they know that. The Mayor said that is something else that we really need to start enforcing as well because that also will help. The Chief said you have to understand. In all honesty during the daytime they are busy a lot of times with day tours. The guys are out there trying to keep an eye on it but there are other things going on. That is why specifically he would like to have something prominent so they can go after them a little easier for them also. The Mayor said anything that helps to remedy the situation she thinks is a great idea. The Chief said okay, he will take a look and will bring it back. He just wanted to make sure they are okay with it.

7:40 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - TO AMEND NOISE ORDINANCE:

The Mayor said we are going to move onto our next public hearing and that is to amend the noise ordinance.

Attorney Rice said that for whatever reason the various provisions in the noise law had different times applicable so you would go to one section and it would say you could only do construction during a certain period of time or you could only mow your lawn during a different time and so forth. So this amendment basically makes the time restrictions consistent as well as, strangely, they defined weekday to include Saturday. So the ordinance needed a little bit of help. So at this point we have made it so that the times are consistent and you can only use or create these various noises between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. So it is a little more restrictive and consistent. The Mayor asked if there was anyone who would like to speak.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said he thinks the Board ought to consider not having large construction projects working on a Sunday. Why don't you leave Sunday for residents to do their different little projects. In a residential area if you have somebody building a house and they are jackhammering from 10 in the morning until 6 at night you are not going to really appreciate it if it is next door to your house. He said he thinks six days a week is probably good enough. Attorney Rice said of course it is up to the Board but the construction would not only be what you are referring to - a large construction project - but it would also be the individual who is building a deck or something. The Mayor said working on a house. Mr. Giannettino said no, no - he doesn't have a problem with that - he is talking about a large company. Attorney Rice said he understands but you have to do it across the Board - the Mayor said you have to do it across the Board - Attorney Rice said you can't make a distinction. The Mayor said in other words. If you were building a deck on your house and you were doing it yourself, you are off on the weekends - not you in particular - but

you know what she is saying - Mr. Giannettino said he understands what you are saying - the Mayor said creating a scenario. So you are building your deck on the weekends because you work during the week. You then too would lose your Sunday to do the work. Mr. Giannettino said not if you reword it and say residents can do certain - Attorney Rice said you know you can't do that. Mr. Giannettino said why can't you? One is commercial and one is private. Attorney Rice said residents can make a lot of noise but outside people can't? Mr. Giannettino said because one is a commercial enterprise and you are a resident. Attorney Rice said no. By the way, we do - this is not to be an exclusion of the other provisions in the noise law that you can't create loud and disturbing noises. In other words there is an absolute prohibition against certain activities during certain times but in addition to that you can never create loud and disturbing noises. Mr. Giannettino said so then you have to go by decibels? Attorney Rice said no. We are relying more on the amorphous thing. We do have decibels in certain things but no. It is just noise of a loud and disturbing nature. Mr. Giannettino said he just thought it would be better to keep commercial out of the Village on Sunday. Attorney Rice said you know what this is. This is kind of tinkering with an existing law and it was answering a particular problem that had been reported to the Mayor so if we are making these adjustments and if it turns out that there is a problem with loud construction we can change it again. Mr. Giannettino said he thinks that was the original complaint, if he is not mistaken. The Mayor said no. Mr. Giannettino said weren't they jack hammering up on Pavilion? The Mayor said no, it was not on a Sunday. It was at 7 o'clock on a Saturday morning. Mr. Giannettino said the original complaint was a Saturday. The Mayor said she has had no complaints for Sundays. She said she doesn't know that construction really works on Sundays. She hasn't gotten any of those complaints. But again, as Terry said, should that begin to occur that is something definitely we could revisit.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meehan-Corrigan.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

LOCAL LAW NO. 9, OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 175
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
REGARDING NOISE REGULATIONS

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern, as follows:

Section 1. Section 175-1 of the Code of the Village of Suffern, "Weekday," is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Weekday - Any Monday through Friday which is not a state or federal legal holiday.

Section 2. Section 175-3(F) and (G) of the Code of the Village of Suffern are hereby amended to provide as follows:

- F. Construction. Any construction, excavation, demolition, alteration or repair which creates a noise disturbance, except between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and except in cases of urgent necessity in the interest of public safety.
- G. Domestic equipment. The operation of or permitting to be operated any power saw, drill, sander, router, lawn or garden device, leaf or domestic equipment so as to create a noise disturbance except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Section 3. Section 175-5(C) of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended to provide as follows:

- C. Sounds created by lawn mowers between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. weekdays and 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Section 4. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 9, 2014 amending Chapter 175 of the Code of the Village of Suffern regarding noise was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Mrs. Cathy Mills said we have a few things on the agenda. Tomorrow, Tuesday, November 11, we have our Veterans Day Parade. It will be starting at 11 o'clock. Line up will be here in Village Hall starting at 10:30 in the morning so they look forward to everyone attending that tomorrow. She said they have the next DARE dance Friday, November 14, at 7 o'clock in the Community Center. She said they have two coin drives coming up. They have the American Legion on Saturday, November 15 and it starts at 10 a.m. and then another coin drive on Saturday, November 22 with the Lions Club, also at 10 a.m. Mrs. Mills said that previously at the workshop they had a LEAD event coming up. That event has now been canceled so that won't be on the agenda this evening.

Mrs. Mills said there are a couple of things coming up after November. She said we have the parade and tree lighting on Saturday, December 6. Mrs. Mills said they are very excited about that. They are working with a lot of groups in the community and they are donating a lot of their materials and a lot of their time. It is going to be a great event on Saturday, December 6, starting at 5 p.m. Mrs. Mills said they have the Pearl Harbor Ceremony here in the auditorium. That will be on Sunday, December 7, at 2 p.m. They have the Hoop Shoot with the Mahwah Elks on Saturday, December 13. The time still has to be determined. They have the DARE toy drive with Chief Osborn December 18 through December 21 in the community center. And then they have the Hanukkah-Menorah lighting on Wednesday, December 17 over at the park and the gazebo. And that is it.

Grant Writer:

Mr. Fred Rella said about two and a half weeks ago they actually did submit the paperwork for the \$65,000 water well grant with the Dormitory Authority of New York State. He said a couple of questions have come back - real simple ones - and both Charles, Michael Genito and himself are answering those and then we will be getting a contract to sign. Last year, we were made a Tree City USA. We were designated that by the Arbor Day Foundation. That application is basically 99% put together and should be put in the mail on Friday. It will just require a signature of the Mayor between now and then on the document itself and then he can submit that. He said he will get that over to us. Mr. Rella said the Clifford Theater - they did "Hello Dolly" last year and this was a grant from Ellen Jaffee. It was \$2000. All of that paperwork is now together. He just needs one more signature from the Mayor as well and then he can submit that one at the end of the week. Mr. Rella said lastly - the Community Development Block Grant, which is HUD money, which is disseminated by the Rockland County Office of Community Development - that application for 2015 will be due at the end of January and in order to submit an application the Village has to form, as it has every year, a citizen advisory committee. That committee then comes up with varying ideas for an application or project within the Village and then we make that recommendation to the Board and then he will complete the application and submit it to them by the end of January. Mr. Rella said the people that they want on the board - the Mayor asked if Mr. Rella wanted her to appoint them now. Mr. Rella said sure, you can appoint them. The Mayor said we will just do it now.

The Mayor said that she will appoint to the 2014-2015 Citizen Advisory Committee - our advisors will be Fred Rella and Charles Sawicki. And our committee members will be Dorothy McClintock, Frances Glick, Jon Paul Molfetta, Ernie Bosco and Charlie Rogers. A motion confirming the appointments was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was

carried.

Mr. Rella said just so you know. Frances is a new member this year. She has not been on the board. And Ernie Bosco and Jon Paul just joined the board last year. So this is their second year on there. The Mayor said a great group.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Clarke Osborn said he just had a couple of updates. They finished up hockey. They had 14 teams - 170 players this past fall season. They had a great championship Saturday. A big barbecue at the end which worked out great. He said they have their toy drive which is going very well. He said they have a lot of volunteers from the Village helping them out already. Chief Osborn said they made thirty arrests last month, including on top of that 10 taxi summonses - 10 Village ordinance arrests for illegal taxis in the Village and that is it.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) Application for Payment:

Mr. Charles Sawicki requested payment authorization for Application for Payment No. 6 in the amount of \$224,481.20 to Northeast Remsco Construction for the general construction portion of the WWTP Digester Upgrade project. The total amount paid to the contractor, including this payment, is \$854,943.95. The contract amount is \$1,089,000. A motion authorizing the payment was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Trustee Byrne asked if Mr. Genito was aware of the payment. Mr. Sawicki said yes. Trustee Byrne said that has all been run by him already. Mr. Sawicki said yes, he has. The motion was seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7:55 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - 3 HOUR PARKING ON LAFAYETTE AVENUE:

The Mayor said it is 7:55 and we are going to open the public hearing for three hour parking on Lafayette Avenue. However, it has come to her attention right before the meeting that a survey was done with regards to three hour parking on Lafayette Avenue and the Board does not have the survey and we don't have the benefit of actually reading about what it showed with extending to three hour parking on Lafayette Avenue so she was asked by Scott Shedler and

the Chief, who is very interested also in looking at that survey, to hold off on voting tonight on the three hour parking on Lafayette until we actually have the benefit of all of the information. So she thinks that is a great idea, however, keeping that in mind she will open the public hearing and hear any comments and concerns. The Mayor said she will be holding it over until the next meeting so that we may be able to have the benefit of all the information before we take a vote on it. So if you want to reserve your comment until then so we can share all of that information with you as well that is fine. But if anyone would like to speak tonight please come up to the microphone.

Trustee Byrne said that survey was done by the Parking Authority. The Mayor said yes, yes. She was just made aware of it right before the meeting, thanks to the Chief.

A motion to continue the public hearing until the next meeting was made by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

The Mayor said if you would like to speak, please come up to the microphone and state your name and address. Nobody spoke.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Set Public Hearing for Fees for Snow Plow Operators:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said the first thing we have to do is set a public hearing for fees for the snow plowing operators. She said we can have it December 1. The Mayor said December 1 at 7:40 p.m. A motion to set the public hearing was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Set Fees for Use of Village Facilities:

Ms. Menschner said we have come up with the idea that we are going to be charging for the use of our rooms at the Village Hall and up at Leo Lydon. The Mayor said let me say a few words. She said we have been looking at the fees that are being charged for the use of our facilities and we found they have not been updated in quite some time. So the Mayor asked Cathy and Mike Genito to come together with her so that we can actually look at what those fees were and kind of update them as they have not been raised in quite some time. So what we are proposing for the community room, which is upstairs in Village Hall - we are proposing a non-profit resident rate, a personal resident rate for personal use, and a personal non-resident for profit rate. So those are the three categories that we have broken them down into. For the community

room it will be \$50 for the community room, a \$25 clean up fee, and \$25 for utilities. For the personal resident rate it will be \$75, \$25 clean up and \$25 utilities. And for a personal non-resident for profit it will be \$100, \$50 clean up and \$25 utilities. For the Leo Lydon non-profit resident will be \$50 for the room, \$25 clean up, \$40 for utilities. Personal residents would be \$200 for the room, \$25 clean up and \$40 utilities. Personal non-resident for profit will be \$250, \$25 clean up and \$40 for utilities. The auditorium here would be non-profit resident \$100 and \$40 utilities. Personal resident \$135 and \$40 for utilities. Personal non-resident for profit \$175 and \$40 for utilities. For the community center, non-profit resident will be \$50 per hour, a \$50 clean up and \$75 for utilities. For personal resident \$100 an hour, a \$50 clean up and \$75 for utilities. And for personal non-resident for profit \$125 per hour, \$50 clean up and \$75 utilities. The Mayor said what they have done - the Mayor said under the community room it is \$25 for all clean-up. The Mayor said she would just like to say that Cathy had gone to other municipalities and we looked at what the other municipalities are charging and we wanted to keep in line with that and she thinks we came up with a good solution for the rooms to be used and for a little bit of revenue for the Village. Trustee Byrne asked if the Mayor knew what overall rate increase this represents over existing rates. The Mayor said yes - she believes the Leo Lydon was \$25. There was no clean up - there was no utilities charged on any of the locations. There was just a flat one time fee for the room. She said she believes it was \$50 for Lydon - she is sorry \$25 for Lydon, \$25 for the community room, \$75 for the auditorium and she doesn't remember - she doesn't think there was ever a number for the community center. We didn't rent it. Trustee Byrne asked if we know what we are basing the utility charges on? The Mayor said that is just basically a usage per time - so we are basing it on a two hour time period and that is just a round number that we came up with what we are charged from Orange & Rockland.

Trustee Hagen asked if he could ask something. The Mayor said sure. Trustee Hagen said just for arguments sake - if the Democratic Committee wanted to have a meeting this applies to them. If the Republican Committee wanted to have a meeting - is that part of this. The Mayor said that would be the non-profits. Yes. Trustee Hagen said so what they are getting for nothing for a hundred years now you are going to ask them for \$100 to rent the room. The Mayor said for the auditorium? Trustee Hagen said for anything - for Leo P. Lydon. The Mayor said the fact of the matter is that some of these meetings go on for hours and it is staffing, it is utilities, it is the clean-up. The Village has been absorbing that for many, many years now and quite frankly a lot of times when these rooms or buildings are used there is damage, there is a clean up, there are things that happen which the Village absorbs the cost of. So she thinks her feeling is if you are going to use the room it has to be paid for somehow or another. We can't have all of these organizations and all of these private people using our rooms and

the taxpayers absorbing the bill on it.

Trustee Byrne said he would like to be able to kind of set side by side the current rates versus what is being proposed. He said he thinks it might be appropriate that we discuss this at a workshop before we move to adopt it. It doesn't require a public hearing, he is assuming. The Mayor said no, it is by resolution. The Mayor said just so you know the community room and Lydon were \$25. The community center had no rates on it. And the auditorium was \$75. Trustee Byrne said he is not saying that we shouldn't be charging he just thinks that rather than having - the Mayor said what we did is we based it on looking at, like she said, the other municipalities and what they are charging and we are actually a little bit under. Trustee Byrne said okay. He just thinks he would like to discuss it at a workshop. The Mayor said that is not a problem. We can absolutely do that. And she will ask Cathy, if she doesn't mind, to make copies of all of the different municipalities that we looked at and make copies for each of the Trustees and put them in their boxes and then we can discuss it at the next Board meeting. She has no problem with that. The Mayor asked if everyone was in agreement. Everyone said yes.

C) Return of Unpaid Taxes to the County:

The Village Clerk said we have one more item. We have, by November 14, we have to send over to the County our unpaid taxes and tonight the unpaid taxes are \$187,643.74. A motion to send it over and to have the Board sign it was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried. The Village Clerk asked each of the Trustees before they leave tonight to sign all three.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

A) Adopt Procurement Policy:

The Mayor said Barbara is on vacation so they are asking us to adopt a procurement policy. Terry is going to explain. Attorney Rice said the Village, of course, has had a procurement policy for quite a few years. This is merely an update to reflect the change in the General Municipal Law that has increased the bidding limits so that it now reflects, consistent with General Municipal Law, that competitive bidding is required for purchase contracts over \$20,000 and for public works projects over \$35,000. We have various levels for which quotations are required even if it is not to be bid. So for \$3000 to \$19,999 for purchase contracts there has to be three written proposals and similarly for public works projects which are less than the bid limit there has to be three written proposals. So again this is just merely an update. A motion to adopt the policy was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Resolution- Approve Services of Carmela Pantano and Transfer \$9,000 from Treasurer's Personal Services Line to Treasurer's Contractual Costs Line:

The Mayor said Mike Genito is requesting to approve services of Carmela Pantano. Carmela will be coming in to do some finance work that Barbara does not have knowledge of and is needed in the finance office. It will be a temporary basis and not to exceed \$9,000 and he would like to transfer that \$9,000 from the Treasurer's personal services line to the Treasurer's contractual costs line. And it is an independent contractor. Trustee Meehan asked if this was a CPA? The Mayor said yes and this is in response to the internal investigation.

RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the services of Carmela Pantano at a rate of \$30 per hour as an independent contractor to provide accounting and bookkeeping services and to transfer \$9,000 from the Treasurer's personal services to the Treasurer's contractual costs line.

A motion approving the Resolution was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Trustee Matthew Byrne said with the understanding that Mr. Genito indicated the money is available for transfer (the Mayor said it is) and that it is not an issue - the Mayor said it is there and it just needs to be transferred
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

TRUSTEES:

Trustee John Meehan said he just wanted to say that tonight marks the last of thousands of meetings that he has attended over a career of thirty-one years in elected public office. Throughout that time, whether on the Village Board or the County Legislature, he has received wonderful support from the citizens of Suffern. To that, he is extremely grateful. Throughout these last sixteen years on the Village Board he has interacted with our workforce and has always been treated with great respect. He said he has always taken great pride in the fact that anyone entering Village Hall is met by someone whose attitude is I'm here to help solve your problem. Trustee Meehan said he was a municipal consultant and has been in

dozens of village and town halls and you will never find a better treatment than you see right here in Suffern. He said he also wants to thank his colleagues on the current Village Board. This last year has been a pleasure for him working in a bi-partisan fashion in the interest of the Village. Lastly, he called the victors in this election last Wednesday night to congratulate them. He knows they share his desire to see our Village succeed and he wishes them well. Thank you.

The Mayor thanked Trustee Meehan and she would like to say that this year has definitely been a wonderful year for this Board and the bi-partisan relationship that we shared really was a pleasant one and it has always been a pleasure to serve with him on the Board and she personally thanks him for all he has done for this Village.

MAYOR:

The Mayor said she just has one more appointment. She said Daryl Schiller - we have an unexpired term of Ron Levine. We need to fill the unexpired term. It will expire December 5 of 2016. We have someone who has just moved into the Village and very eager to be a part of our community and get involved - Daryl Schiller. And he has graciously accepted to serve on that board so she would like to appoint Daryl Schiller to our Sewer Grievance Board and she does not need confirmation.

Trustee Byrne said that just in the last two weeks the Village of Suffern lost a long-time resident of the Village and a dedicated gentleman who served Sacred Heart Church for many, many years as its Deacon, Deacon Joseph Witt. And he just thought it appropriate that given his years of service to the church and the community as a whole and his long-time - all of his kids went to school here and many of them are still here - they are just a great family. And he was a great man. So he would just like to move to adjourn this meeting in his honor and request that a copy of the minutes, when prepared, be sent to the family. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.